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Passion

POWERFUL!



DELICIOUS!

Gourmet offerings

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Hospitality



PHOTOGENIC!

Factory Night View
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ジョー景
Scenic views



Shopping street

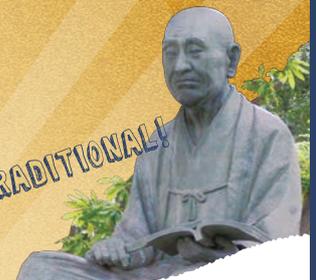
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© Sanwa Ichiba Shopping Street

A castle town full of spirit
情たっぷりの城下町

ジョーの ある町 尼山崎



TRADITIONAL!



Landmarks associated with
Chikamatsu Monzaemon

ジョー緒
Emotion



COCOCO

BOAT RACE Amagasaki

ジョー熱
Excitement

Amagasaki, the Spirited City

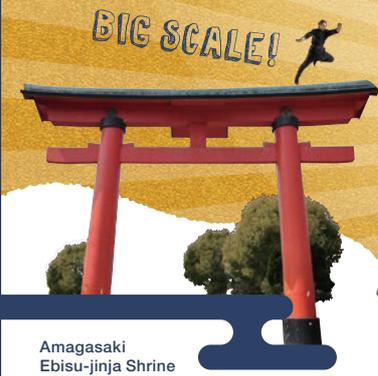
Your Guide to Amagasaki, the Castle Town



CASTLE
TOWN
AMAGASAKI

ニ山崎

尼山崎ジョー
Amagasaki Castle



BIG SCALE!

Amagasaki
Ebisu-jinja Shrine

旅ジョー
Sightseeing



**2019.3.29
OPEN!**

Amagasaki, the **Castle Town** Full of **Spirit!**



“They’re building a castle in Amagasaki? You’re kidding!”
“Yes, Amagasaki is actually the ideal castle town!”

Amagasaki, the town with spirit, has actually rebuilt Amagasaki Castle. Yes, Amagasaki was once a castle town, and has become one once again. The castle town is place of great spirit and nostalgia, boasting welcoming shopping streets, local gourmet offerings exhibiting much hospitality, and temples in Teramachi offering much to the sightseer, boat racing full of excitement, photogenic factory scenes, and many other exciting attractions. Not to mention the cultural appeal of the richly emotional *Ningyo Joruri* (traditional Japanese puppetry), historical features, cultural offerings, gourmet foods, and leisure activities. Whatever strikes your fancy, Amagasaki has it! Amagasaki, the castle town, always offers something extra.

Responding to Calls for the Reconstruction of Amagasaki Castle

The original Amagasaki Castle was demolished during the Meiji Restoration. Following a period of rapid urbanization, the castle town underwent a complete change in appearance. However, public nostalgia for the castle was not lost, many voices were raised many times in support of a castle rebuilding project. These efforts were sadly abandoned by a lack of funds and economic downturns. However, a man born in Amagasaki who had founded a successful electronics retailer and knew the history of the castle decided that he would give back to his hometown, the city in which he founded his business. He generously invested more than one billion yen in the Amagasaki Castle main tower construction project.

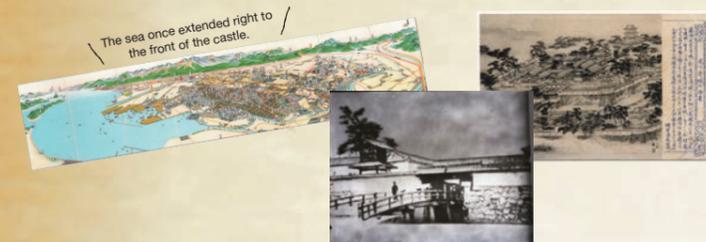
This man’s commitment resonated strongly among the citizens and his colleagues who had deep ties to Amagasaki. Donations were solicited through campaigns offering “one-share castle lords” and purchases of “one roof tile,” eventually raising 190 million yen toward the project.

By the end of the Heisei era (2019), the curtain was raised on the magnificent main castle tower, which represented a defensive barrier for western Osaka. Amagasaki had finally achieved its dream of restoring its long-lost castle.

Castle Town Amagasaki

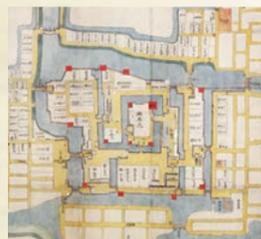
Amajo story Why was the original Amagasaki Castle constructed?

The Tokugawa Shogunate, who had prevailed over the Toyotomi clan in the Summer Siege of Osaka in 1615, took direct control of Osaka in 1619. Osaka Castle served as the political and military base of Western Japan. At that time, however, the various regions of Western Japan, including Chugoku, Shikoku, and Kyushu, were under the control of formerly hostile outside daimyo until the Battle of Sekigahara, so it became necessary to create a system to defend Osaka in the event of an emergency in Western Japan. It was only natural that the Shogunate would want to consolidate Amagasaki — which was close to Osaka and had long served as a transportation hub — by appointing Shogunate insiders. So, Toda Ujikane was chosen as first Lord of Amagasaki Castle. Toda built Amagasaki Castle as a defensive barrier for Western Osaka. Judging from the exceptional workmanship of Amagasaki Castle, Ujikane appears to have become a master of castle construction. This achievement contributed to his eventual appointment as a general magistrate during reconstruction of Osaka Castle.



Amajo story A castle too large for a daimyo receiving a tribute of only 50,000 koku of rice

This splendid castle comprised a four-story main tower along with Sannomaru that was about 3.5 times the scale of Koshien Stadium. It was as tall as an 8 or 9-story condominium. On a clear day, the castle was visible from as far away as Takarazuka. In fact, Hyogo Prefecture boasts only two castles with the main tower: Himeji Castle and Amagasaki Castle. Even though the tower foundation had been constructed, the Shogunate did not permit a castle to exceed a certain height. The imposing appearance of this castle rising on the shoreline would have surely impressed all visitors.



◀ Former Lords of Amagasaki Castle ▶

Toda Ujikane	
Aoyama Yoshinari	Matsudaira Tadatsugu
Aoyama Yoshitoshi	Matsudaira Tadatomi
Aoyama Yoshimasa	Matsudaira Tadanori
Aoyama Yoshhide	Matsudaira Tadanaga
Matsudaira Tadataka	Matsudaira Tadaaki
Matsudaira Tadaakira	

Amajo story Was Amagasaki wealthy as a castle town?

The castle town was vast, extending to the east and west from the east side of present-day Hanshin Deyashiki Station to the west side of Daimotsu Station. At the beginning of the Amagasaki domain fiefdom, the Amagasaki domain territory was roughly equivalent to the area extending from the current city of Amagasaki to the coastal area of Suma-ku in Kobe. The town contained many sake breweries, and more than 10,000 koku (1 koku = about 180 liters) of sake were brewed here, the same volume as produced by the noted sake-producing Ikeda district in Settsu Province. Many fishermen lived in Tsukiji Town near the castle, and a fish market thrived in Nakazaik Town until the Taisho era. The Amagasaki domain fiefdom was located in a region rich in commodity crops such as canola and cotton. This was one of the wealthiest domain territories until the land extending from Hyogonotsu (currently Kobe Port) to Nishinomiya was confiscated.



A Thorough Analysis

Introducing the new Amagasaki Castle and the original
Once you read this, you'll become

Amagasaki Castle constructed 400 years ago.
an expert on Amagasaki Castle!



5F My Town Observatory Zone

A description of Amagasaki as a castle town is displayed in the main castle tower. Use the tablet terminal to see how the castle town operated. From the observatory room, you can compare the castle town with the current scenery.



4F Gallery Zone

This gallery showcases the works of Oghihara Issei, a painter of castles who was born in Amagasaki. His deep love of castles is reflected in his work, which was selected to appear on a hand towel representing one of the top 100 castles of Japan.



3F Impersonator Experience Zone

Visitors can take a commemorative photo here. Become a princess, samurai or the Lord of Amagasaki Castle by donning a rental costume in a space lined with tatami mats.



2F Amagasaki Castle Zone

Immerse yourself in the Amagasaki Castle Town by viewing the virtual reality scene displayed on a 10-meter-wide screen. The masterful images take you on a journey back in time to Amagasaki as it was in those days. Several exhibits enable you to learn with your hands, such as feeling the weight of a matchlock gun and trying out a sword game.



Illustration of VR Theater

1F Amagasaki Town Walking Zone

Near the entrance, castle donation nameplates revealing the thoughts of many are on display. Amagasaki's introductory video highlights local history and sightseeing attractions focused on Amagasaki Castle. Be sure to take a stroll through the town of Amagasaki.



No Fee Area

[Amagasaki Castle]
27 Kitajonai, Amagasaki ① 09:00-17:00 (no admission after 16:30)
Closed Mondays (or next day when Monday is public holiday) and December 29-January 2
Admission Fee: Adults and university students: 500 yen;
Senior high school and younger students: 250 yen

MAP 1 C-3

* Artist's illustrations

Interesting Castle Stories

**"I'll protect this important castle!"
Aoyama Yoshitoshi, the Third-generation Lord**

Aoyama Yoshitoshi was the lord who best embodied the "defensive role of the Amagasaki domain in the west." He traveled to Osaka to consult with a cousin, the keeper of Osaka Castle. He retained ninjas (secret agents of the samurai) to explore the concerns of adjacent domains such as Settsu and Harima. He loved the main tower of Amagasaki Castle and would sometimes become emotional as he admired it in the morning.

**Supporting the Establishment of the
Japanese Red Cross Society
Matsudaira Tadaoki, the Last Lord**

Lord Matsudaira Tadaoki quickly agreed to the establishment of Hakuisha, the predecessor of the Japanese Red Cross Society. He offered his mansion to the provisional office, and went to Nagasaki during the Satsuma Rebellion to provide nursing care. He became a feudal lord at a young age, and was likely compelled to keep his own counsel and help society because he was responsible for his domain under his father's supervision. He remained active after the restoration.

**Amagasaki Castle
as a symbol of peace**

This castle was constructed for war, but it never actually saw battle. Because the new castle is clearly never intended to be used for war, we think of Amagasaki Castle as a place not intended to hurt people. We are content to know that the castle is becoming a place that offers opportunities for learning local history.

**The people of Amagasaki
are excited about the construction
of their castle.**

Amagasaki has an active civic life. Its residents are eager and motivated to enliven their beloved town with a new landmark. We look forward to seeing you.

[Volunteer litter collectors]
By holding tongs designed to resemble a Japanese sword with hilt and scabbard, our volunteer litter collectors are working to beautify our town. Let's bring litter to justice together!



© Sanwa Ichiba Shopping Street

[Gasaking α]
The large monster of Amagasaki was created from the passions of Sanwa Ichiba Shopping Street. The shopkeepers mistakenly awakened the creature from the dark underworld of the Sanwa Ichiba Shopping Street, where it had slept for tens of thousands of years. It simply kicked out the shutters and emerged!



A flavor that will take you back in time!

Highly recommended!



Shiroten tempura: 190 yen (tax incl.)

Masusen
《Sakuradama》

This shop specializing in fish paste is very popular in Amagasaki. It was established 160 years ago around the time of the Ansei era. The shape of the Sakuradama resembles a combination of two family crests — the “Janome” of Amagasaki Castle’s Lord Toda clan and the “Sakura” of the Sakurai Matsudaira clan. Not only is this fish paste flavorful, but when thickly sliced, it is especially beautiful. The fried tempura featuring pike conger and cod surimi is irresistible. Sakuradama: 600 yen (tax incl.)

4-86 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki
☎ 06-6411-0695
🕒 09:00–19:00; closed Thursdays
<http://www.kamaboko.net/>

MAP 1 B-2



Freshly fried



A long-gone delicacy revived through the efforts of citizens

Four flavors!



Amagasaki Potato (Imo)
Signature Local Product
Development Council

《Amaimono Tsuruno Taitan》

The Amagasaki potato was cultivated in the coastal area of Amagasaki from the late Edo period (1789–1801) to the early Showa era. As part of the Lost Amagasaki Potato Revival Project, air pollution victims in Amagasaki have taken the lead in reviving this plant since 2000. It became very popular to prepare this plant as a vine boiled in soy sauce. It is excellent accompanied with rice and side dish with sake. 540 yen each (tax incl.)

[Amagasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry]
3-96 Showa-dori, Amagasaki ☎ 06-6411-2252
🕒 08:45–17:30; closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays
<https://www.amacci.or.jp/topics/amaimo/>

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Note: On sale at Oguraya Luchi at AMASTA AMASEN 1st Fl., which is directly connected to the West Gate of Hanshin Amagasaki Station

MAP 1 B-3

Highly recommended!



These original glass bottles feature a convenient filter. Bottle with filter: 3,024 yen each (tax incl.)

MAP 1 B-3

Cheers! To the castle! Imbibe to your heart's content in Amagasaki.

Amagasaki Liquor Merchants Association

《Sake: Amagasaki-jo;
Sweet potato shochu liquor:
Amano-shizuku》

Amano-shizuku is a sweet potato shochu liquor made by hand with traditional Amagasaki potatoes. It is refreshing mixed with soda in summer, while in winter the flavor is enhanced with hot water. The sake in the Castle Commemorative Package reproduces the flavor of the 17th-century Genroku-era product made when sake was being brewed on a large scale in the Amagasaki domain. It is a superb product that will be enjoyed in the shadow of the castle for years to come. From left, Amagasaki-jo Sake: 180 ml for 210 yen/720 ml for 1,370 yen; Amano-shizuku Sweet Potato Shochu: 720 ml for 1,540 yen; Unrefined Amano-shizuku Sweet Potato Shochu: 720 ml for 3,900 yen (All prices include tax.)

1-9-4 Nishinaniwa-cho, Amagasaki

☎ 06-6417-8901

🕒 09:00–17:00; closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays
<http://www.hyogosake-kouri.or.jp>

Note: Available at stores affiliated with the Amagasaki Liquor Merchants Association in the city of Amagasaki.



Unrefined 31° shochu is limited to 500 bottles.



A Return to the Castle Specialties

Many specialty products
The souvenirs you buy while
sure to become
Enjoy your journey back

Experience the benefits of a refreshing tea break.

Ouri Tea Cafe & Dining Room
《Chikamatsu-no-Uta》

As for Amagasaki's most famous celebrity, the members of the comedy duo “Downtown” have their fans, but we think that honor goes to Chikamatsu Monzaemon. He is the genius playwright known as the author of Joruri and Kabuki screenplays, and his roots here in Amagasaki are deep. Maybe he enjoyed a tea break while pursuing his artistic endeavors. Here in the Kanroen store, Chika Tamura, a Japanese tea appraiser, personally selects the finest tea leaves. Chikamatsu-no-Uta: 1,296 yen (tax incl.)

103 Calm Amagasaki, 54 Misono-cho, Amagasaki
☎ 06-4869-4108 🕒 10:30–LO 23:00. Closed Sundays and days following 3 consecutive holidays
http://www.kanroen.com/cafe_dining.html

MAP 1 B-3



Edo Period as Souvenirs

are popular in Amagasaki.
strolling our castle town are favorites.
in time to the Edo period!



Kururin Pon!

《The Amagasaki Castle Gizmo》

This is an innovative craft item made only with paper and rubber bands. Knock them down, and they quickly rebound and flip. 500 yen (tax incl.)

《Amagasaki Castle hand towels》

Ogihara Issei, a painter and dye artist from Sakai created the images on hand towels depicting Japan's top 100 castles. Following the reconstruction project, the towel portraying Amagasaki Castle was reintroduced onto the market after many years. 1,080 yen each (tax incl.)

You'll wish you could enjoy them for a hundred years. ♥

Niman-ou
《Taiyaki》

The secret to its popularity is not only the excellent access to nearby Hanshin Amagasaki Station but also the price. This sweet red bean cake, which has a subtle sweetness, is 70 yen. Even the custard-filled ones that are popular with young people are only 90 yen. They are in the shape of sea bream, which were often landed during the Edo period. The castle lord would have bought a case if Taiyaki had existed at that time. From 70 yen per piece (tax incl.)

AMASTA AMASEN 1st Fl., which is directly connected to the West Gate of Hanshin Amagasaki Station, 1-2-1 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki

☎ 06-6412-5701

🕒 Open daily 10:00–21:00
<http://ai-sakai.com/nimanou/>

MAP 1 B-3



Custard filling
90 yen each! (tax incl.)

Adzuki bean filling
70 yen each! (tax incl.)

Highly recommended!

These are often purchased in bulk.



[Seasonal limited edition]
Obore Taiyaki
Vanilla: 190 yen (tax incl.), Matcha: 210 yen (tax incl.)
*On sale from Golden Week to mid-October.

Did the castle lord ever enjoy this delicacy? Traditional Flavor

Kinjo Hinode Ame Honpo
《Hinode Rice Syrup》

Close to Amagasaki Castle, this is a quaint shop with a 100-year history. The only ingredient in this hand-made syrup is rice, so it is additive-free with no added sugar. This renowned shop boasts comic storytellers and divas alike among its customers. The name, Kinjo, is an alias for Amagasaki Castle, which is also depicted on the package.

Rice syrup: 1,100 yen (tax incl.)

1-36 Kaimei-cho, Amagasaki

☎ 06-6411-0340

🕒 09:00–19:00; closed Sundays & holidays

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Highly recommended!



It's even available as a candy!

Candy: 560 yen (tax incl.)

An appealing selection of Amagasaki Castle souvenirs



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Three types available

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Scheduled to open in late March 2019

Amagasaki Tourist Information Center

Located in Central Park at the exit of Hanshin Amagasaki Station, this tourist information center sells souvenirs in addition to providing information on the Amagasaki Castle Town, particularly Amagasaki Castle, the temples of Teramachi, and shopping streets. Offering free Wi-Fi, it is an essential stop for those sightseeing in Amagasaki.



*Artist's illustration

MAP 1 B-3

Only a 1-minute walk from Hanshin Amagasaki Station



Uniquely flavored with a soy sauce brew that has been continually replenished for more than 100 years.



Daikan (Ramen) MAP 1 B-2

Founded in 1912, this is the oldest existing Chinese noodle shop in Japan. It specializes in egg noodles made on site with a rich broth from a combination of chicken and pork bones. A topping of the uncommon jelly ear fungus makes this dish very reminiscent of Chinese cuisine. The Amagasaki specialty, champion noodles with a special sauce, is a popular choice.

3-29 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki
 ☎ 06-6411-9583
 ⌚ 11:30-20:00; closed Wednesdays
<http://www.daikan-honten.com/>



Drizzled with soy sauce aged for 100 years

Barbanjee sauce

Steamed chicken: 1,000 yen (tax incl.)



80 servings of fried rice made at once with a spade

Regular fried rice: 950 yen (tax incl.)

Ramen: 850 yen (tax incl.)

Deep spot

Standard Fare

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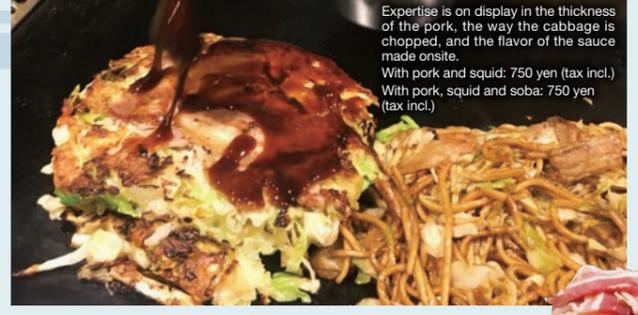


We recommend the 20-piece set. 2,592 yen (tax incl.)

Asahi Honten MAP 1 B-2
 Skewered Pork Cutlet

This restaurant specializes in carefully prepared fresh ingredients on skewers from local Amagasaki suppliers. The texture is light though crispy. The kitchen serves as many as 3,000 deep-fried skewers on busy days, so the chef works with enthusiasm and economy of movement.

2-28 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki
 ☎ 06-6411-9297
 ⌚ Weekdays: 12:00-15:00, 16:00-22:30
 Saturdays, Sundays, holidays: 12:00-22:30; closed Tuesdays
<http://www.kushikatsu-asahi.com/>



Expertise is on display in the thickness of the pork, the way the cabbage is chopped, and the flavor of the sauce made onsite.
 With pork and squid: 750 yen (tax incl.)
 With pork, squid and soba: 750 yen (tax incl.)

Atariya MAP 3
 (Okonomiyaki and Yakisoba)

It is not uncommon for three generations of regular customers to frequent this establishment known for its skilled staff. The style here is to grill your meal yourself on an iron grill, but you can also ask the staff to grill your dish before your eyes. The restaurant has ample space to easily accommodate tourists, and the slightly raised seating area is ideal for families.

1-22 Takeya-cho, Amagasaki
 ☎ 06-6413-1692
 ⌚ 11:00-22:00; closed Mondays (closed next day if Monday is a national holiday)



Grilled offal: 320 yen (tax incl.)

Kagoshima-ya MAP 1 C-1
 (grilled beef or pork offal)

The aroma of the grilled beef or pork offal with miso and soy sauce wafting from the storefront stimulates the appetite. Enjoy a conversation with the cheerful owner and become intoxicated by the deep world of Amagasaki! Take some out as street food to enjoy later.

21 Genban Kitano-cho, Amagasaki
 ☎ 06-6412-2036
 ⌚ 10:00-19:00; open throughout the year

KABUKIMONO VILLAGE

Learn about all Amagasaki has to offer.



GAsAKI BASE MAP 1 A-1

This shop has so many vintage items and DIY parts, it almost feels like a secret find. Even novices are likely to be taken in by the charm. A coffee shop and leather craft shop are located adjacent to Amagasaki Kabukimono Village, where various events are held.

5-2-9 Higashinaniwa-cho, Amagasaki ☎ 06-6439-7874
 ⌚ 10:00-19:00; closed Tuesdays & Thursdays
<http://gasakibase.com/>

New Wave

New Wave



Sangria with fermented fruit made onsite: 600 yen (tax incl.)

Rali Pappa Cafe MAP 1 A-1

This is a popular restaurant for music lovers in Amagasaki. The owner serves as the representative of the AMAFES music festival and also hosts live events every month. Because customers can enjoy original food and sake until the wee hours, even those not intending to stay long tend to linger over drinks.

Hamamoto Bldg. 1st Fl., 5-117 Showa Minami-dori, Amagasaki ☎ 06-6430-6886
 ⌚ 18:00-03:00 next day; closed Sundays
<https://ralipappacafe.owst.jp/>



Special Amagasaki roast black wagyu beef: 1,058 yen (tax incl.)



Grilled lunch plate with plenty of vegetables grown on a private farm: 1,458 yen (tax incl.)



VinVinBAL Italian Dining Bar MAP 1 A-3

Highly recommended is the steak cooked at low temperature with an abundance of vegetables grown on its own farm. The non-alcoholic cocktails are also substantial, so even those who don't drink alcohol can enjoy a fancy beverage. The terrace seating allows pets, and the excellent atmosphere is reminiscent of a beer garden. The grilled lunch plate is also very popular.

Villa Grace Saison 1st Fl., 1-2 Kanda Kita-dori, Amagasaki ☎ 06-6430-1277 ⌚ 11:30-15:00, 17:00-23:00; closed Mondays & 1st Tuesday of the month
 (Facebook) <https://www.facebook.com/cafebar.vinvinbal/>
 (Instagram) <https://www.instagram.com/vinvinbal/>



Cheer yourself up with a photogenic beverage :)





What's the best way to have a good time here?

Ama's Experience Tour

Do you want to know more about Amagasaki and experience Japan more fully? Here are some spots for those who enjoy a more active lifestyle.

Tour of Goshuin (Collect stamped cards.)

Try your hand at collecting unique Goshuin by visiting temples and shrines.



The design of the Goshuin changes every month.



This huge torii gateway is a landmark.

Amagasaki Ebisu-jinja Shrine



A charming slip of paper seeking good fortune



Chief Priest Nobuyo Otagaki

This shrine is known as Ama-no-Ebessan, which brings prosperity to businesses and households. Every year on January 10, the Toka Ebisu Festival attracts crowds of people. The huge vermilion colored *torii* stands as the conspicuous symbol of Amagasaki. An original Goshuin booklet with two Goshuin included is 2,000 yen. On the first day of each month, you can receive a stamp for the day of worship and a seasonal stamp.

Take note! Miko (shrine maiden) experience for visitors to Japan



Visit the web page to reserve a visit for two or more people. Duration: 60 minutes; fee: 2,000 yen/person (Closed from November to February)

DATA
3-82 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki
☎ 06-6411-3859
<https://www.amaebisu.com/> MAP 1 B-2

Take note! Kifune Vaudeville Theater



During the Edo period, Rakugo vaudeville theater was presented in the Kifune-jinja Shrine precincts three times a year in March, May and October.

DATA
6-246 Nishi-Honmachi, Amagasaki
☎ 06-6411-0170
<http://kifunesan.jp/> MAP 1 C-1



Kifune-jinja Shrine



Chief Priest Masasuke Eda

Popularly known as "the universal tutelary god of Amagasaki" because of its deep reverence for the Lord of Amagasaki Castle, this shrine has served as a place of prayer for generations. It was enshrined in Sannomaru of Amagasaki Castle, but was moved to the present location when the castle was constructed by Toda Ujikane in 1617. For fans of castles, this is a must-see because you can receive a Goshuin stamp from Shiranami Inari-jinja Shrine, the enshrinement inside the former Amagasaki Castle.

Original Goshuin stamp

Komodaru Barrel Making

An introduction to a valuable traditional industry of Amagasaki



Draw your favorite pictures.



Visit the factory and observe craftsmen at work.



Finally experience the latest cask-breaking ceremony.

新設 岸本若一商店

Kishimoto Kichiji Syouten



Straw matting began to be used as a buffer material when shipping sake to Edo from brewing centers such as Itami and Nada. Naturally it came to be used as an advertisement to distinguish the brand. The number of craftsmen is decreasing year by year, but you can make your own original barrel and tour the factory that fills orders for barrels from across Japan.

DATA
2-8-25 Tsukaguchi-Honmachi, Amagasaki
☎ 06-6421-4454 MAP 5
🕒 10:00-17:00
(Reception hours: 10:00-16:00)
<https://www.komodaru.co.jp/>

Reserve by phone or email.
komodaru@komodaru.co.jp
Duration: 60-90 minutes;
Fee: 5,000 yen/person
(Open only on Friday; closed from October to December)



Preparing Food Samples



Prepare a popular bento sample.

Food samples, a unique product invented in Japan, have become very popular with international visitors. You can try your hand at coloring your own elaborate samples molded from the real thing. This activity is popular with children as well. We invite parents and children to take this challenge together.

They look as appetizing as real food!

Imura Sample



DATA
5-6-25 Tsukiji, Amagasaki MAP 2
<http://imura-sample.com/>
For more detailed information
f_amagasaki_0809@imura-sample.co.jp
Note: Registration begins on March 29, 2019.

Everyone is in paradise in the hot spring.



Take part in a bath etiquette course. Includes admission to bath, towel rental, and beverage. We also offer customers a free skin lotion containing hot spring water! Register for four or more people at least 2 days in advance on the website.

DATA
2-21-2 Doi-cho, Amagasaki
☎ 06-6411-0567 MAP 3
🕒 10:00-17:00
<https://houraiyu.jp/contact/>
Duration: 120 minutes, Fee: 2,000 yen/person (Fridays only)

Private Bathhouse

Houraiyu Natural Hot Spring

Travel just a little further.

Recommended spots for viewing factories at night



To Rengo Amagasaki Mill / About 15 min by bicycle from Hanshin Amagasaki Station



Night Views of Factories
In addition to viewing these scenes with the naked eye, be sure to capture these compelling scenes with your camera. Why not share your best photos on a social network?

About 15 min by bicycle from Hanshin Amagasaki Station



BOAT RACE Amagasaki
Exciting races that will thrill your senses. We hope you cheer for one of the local racers!

Amakko Rin-Rin Road (Bicycle Route)

The bicycle route, about 11 kilometers long, is maintained as a cycling path from Hanshin Amagasaki Station to several Amagasaki attractions such as Yomogawa Ryokuchi Park, Deai Bridge, Ama Lock (Amagasaki lock gate), Amagasaki Sports Forest, and Amagasaki City Fishing Park.

For more information, please visit the Amagasaki Bicycle Portal. Check out "Amakko Rin-Rin"!

<https://ama-rin.info>

Rent a bicycle! Rent a bicycle at any of 13 locations in the city and return it to any rental location.



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[Hanshin Stationnet Co., Ltd.]
☎ 044-385-9048 (customer support line)
<https://www.hanshin-stationnet.co.jp/bicycle/index.html>

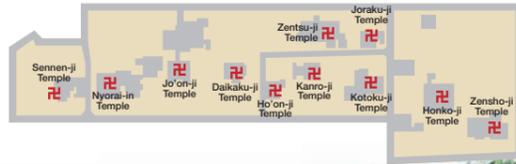
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A temple theme park spanning a period of 400 years!

AMACULI
Teramachi

MAP 1 C-1·2

In 1617, the construction of Amagasaki Castle resulted in the local temples scattered around the castle area being centralized into a location known as Teramachi. Some believed the distance from the town weakened the influence of the temples. The temples were encircled by thick, high walls to serve as a form of castle defense. Currently, 11 temples are located in the 3.9-hectare area. This site includes numerous prefecture-designated and city-designated cultural properties as well as seven important nationally designated cultural properties. The solemn appearance of this location continues to convey the image of a castle town.



Amagasaki Teramachi Volunteer Guides

Guides are available to provide castle tours (in Japanese only) for groups of two or more. Many young visitors have been attracted by the Goshuin stamps and sword boom recently. Amagasaki is a place with a rich and deep history. We want visitors to know the charm of the castle town as well as its strong industrial image. We advise you to reserve your guide at least two weeks in advance.

Amagasaki Tourism Bureau
(3rd Fl., Amagasaki City Kaimai Branch)

☎ 06-6417-4946

🕒 Reception: 09:00-17:30; closed Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and year-end/New Year holidays



Takoyaki Oka

This shop makes *takoyaki* (octopus dumplings) by mixing *dashi* broth prepared every morning with dough and adding in octopus and green onions instead of red ginger. Prices for elementary school children and younger start at 100 yen for 7 pieces; for older customers, prices start at 200 yen for 14 pieces. They have not raised their prices since they opened and have no plans to do so in the future (yet).

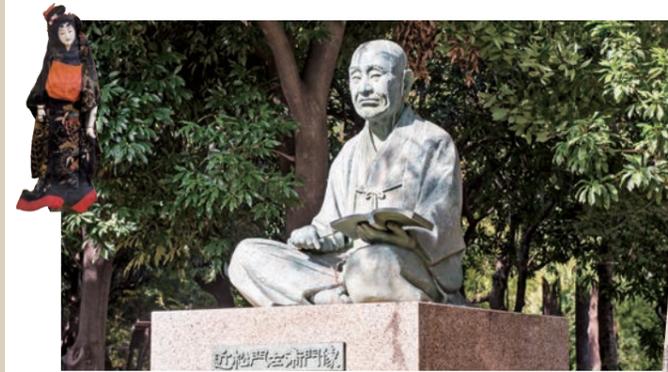
16 Higashisakuragi-cho, Amagasaki ☎ 06-6412-4764

🕒 10:00-18:00 (or until sold out); may close on an irregular basis

MAP 1 C-2



Hidden Culture of Amagasaki



Chikamatsu Monzaemon spent his later years in Amagasaki.



Exhibits that can be seen nowhere else

Chikamatsu-no-Sato

(Chikamatsu Memorial Museum, Kosai-ji Temple and Chikamatsu Park)

MAP 4

Chikamatsu Monzaemon (1653-1724) was a playwright active in the world of puppet Joruri (known as Bunraku) and Kabuki during the Edo period. His much-loved works contained flowing and elegant musical phrases reflecting the ugliness, sadness, conflict, and absurdity of life. For fans of the playwright, Chikamatsu-no-Sato — which contains family gravesites and items associated with his life — is a must-visit attraction.



[Chikamatsu Memorial Museum] 1-4-38 Kukuchi, Amagasaki ☎ 06-6491-7555
🕒 10:00-16:00; closed Wednesdays, 2nd Sunday of the month, Obon and year-end/New Year holidays
Admission Fee: Adults: 200 yen; Students: 150 yen; Children: 100 yen
<http://hccweb5.bai.ne.jp/tikamatukinenkan/>



Chikamatsu Park, where local residents come to relax



The premises of Kosai-ji Temple contain the gravesites of Chikamatsu and his wife



Kazuo Shiraga Memorial Gallery

Known for his daring works, Kazuo Shiraga would use his feet to paint a canvas on the floor while suspended on ropes hung from the ceiling. Born in a kimono shop in Amagasaki, he would use the second floor of the shop as his creative studio. He had a deep attachment to Amagasaki and donated many of his works to the city.

Amagasaki Cultural Center 4th Fl., 2-7-16 Showa-dori, Amagasaki

☎ 06-6487-0806 🕒 10:00-17:00; closed Tuesdays
Admission Fee: General admission: 200 yen; Senior high school and university students: 100 yen; Junior high school students and below: No charge
<http://www.archaic.or.jp/shiraga/>



"Tenfuseri-hakutencho" (Collection of Amagasaki City)
Kazuo Shiraga's powerful works are in the collections of many museums in Japan and around the world



Action painting also influenced by the thrilling Danjiri (1963)

Jan

Toka Ebisu Festival (Amagasaki Ebisu-jinja Shrine)

The festival is held from January 9 to 11 to pray for business prosperity and household safety. It is crowded with local merchants and worshippers seeking good fortune in the coming year.



Feb

Daikaku-ji Miburikyogen (Daikaku-ji Temple Setsubun Festival)

Setsubun falls on February 3. In addition to the custom of bean-throwing to oust evil spirits, Miburikyogen is performed at Daikaku-ji Temple. The temple's collection includes the document recording the ownership history of *Tale of the Heike*. It also features Bentendo Hall, which is related to minstrels who play the biwa, a Japanese lute.



Mar

Apr

Amagasaki Noh by Firelight (Daimotsu-gawa Ryokuchi Park outdoor Noh stage)

The Amagasaki Noh by Firelight is held annually on May 20 at the Daimotsu-gawa Ryokuchi Park outdoor Noh stage, an area associated with the Noh play *Fumabnkei*. It is said that Minamoto no Yoshitsune set sail on the Daimotsu River after saying farewell to his mistress, Shizuka Gozen.



May

Jun

Tomatsu Noh by Firelight (Tomatsu-jinja Shrine)

A performance of Tomatsu Noh by Firelight is presented on July 26 by local residents. It has been held annually since 1980 to popularize Noh, one of Japan's traditional performing arts.



Jul

Aug

Kifune Danjiri Festival (Kifune-jinja Shrine)

This event is held on August 1 and 2. On the first day a parade sets out from the south exit of Hanshin Amagasaki Station with energetic taiko drumming at Kifune-jinja Shrine. On the second day, the two opposing Danjiri floats face each other and collide in a "Yama-awase match."



Sep

Tsukiji Danjiri Festival (Hatsushima-daijingu Grand Shrine)

This festival is held the day before and the day of Senior Citizen's Day. The Danjiri parade is held the day before; on the day of the festival, the two groups of Danjiri face each other and collide in a "Yama-awase match." Bells and drums echo throughout the surrounding towns as participants yell their rousing signature cheer.



Oct

Chikamatsu Festival (Chikamatsu Memorial Museum/Kosai-ji Temple)

An event held on a Sunday in late October. In addition to the gravesite festival featuring Bunraku puppetry at Kosai-ji Temple, the Chikamatsu Memorial Museum presents Bunraku theater and performances of traditional local Chikamatsu Ondo (dance song) to honor his achievements on the anniversary of his death.



Nov

Dec



Let's enjoy Amagasaki with an abundance of gourmet foods and culture!

Map of the Castle Town Full of Spirit

- Lodging
- Post office
- Shrine
- Temple
- Convenience store
- Hospital
- Shopping
- Hello Cycling
- Museum
- Parking lot
- National Route
- Elementary school

Hanshin Amagasaki Sta. area 1



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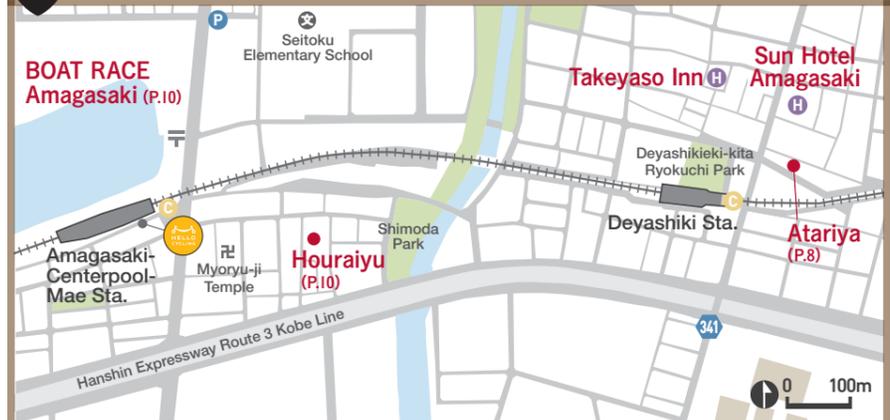
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 2-7-1 Showa-dori, Amagasaki
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Hotel Vischio Amagasaki
 1-4-1 Shioe, Amagasaki
 ☎ 06-6491-0002 MAP 4
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Amagasaki Central Hotel
 4-30 Showa Minami-dori, Amagasaki
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Y's Hotel Hanshin Amagasaki Ekimae
 1-3 Kanda Kita-dori, Amagasaki
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Toyoko Inn Hanshin Amagasaki Ekimae
 19 Misono-cho, Amagasaki
 ☎ 06-6416-1045 MAP 1 B-3
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Amagasaki Plaza Hotel Hanshin Amagasaki
 3-27 Kanda Kita-dori, Amagasaki
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Hotel First Stay Amagasaki
 5-16-26 Higashinaniwa-cho, Amagasaki
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Sun Hotel Amagasaki
 1-26 Miyauchi-cho, Amagasaki
 ☎ 06-6417-1300 MAP 3
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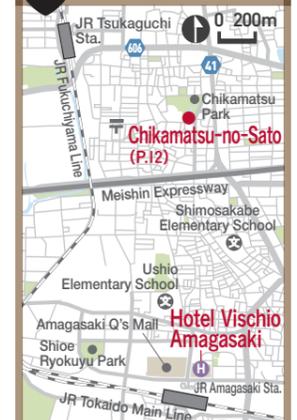
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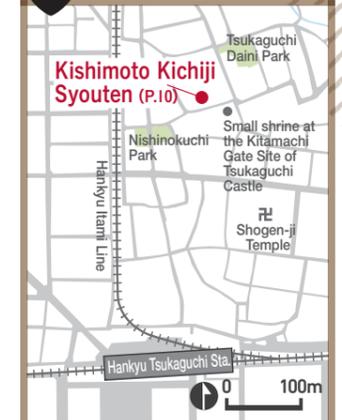
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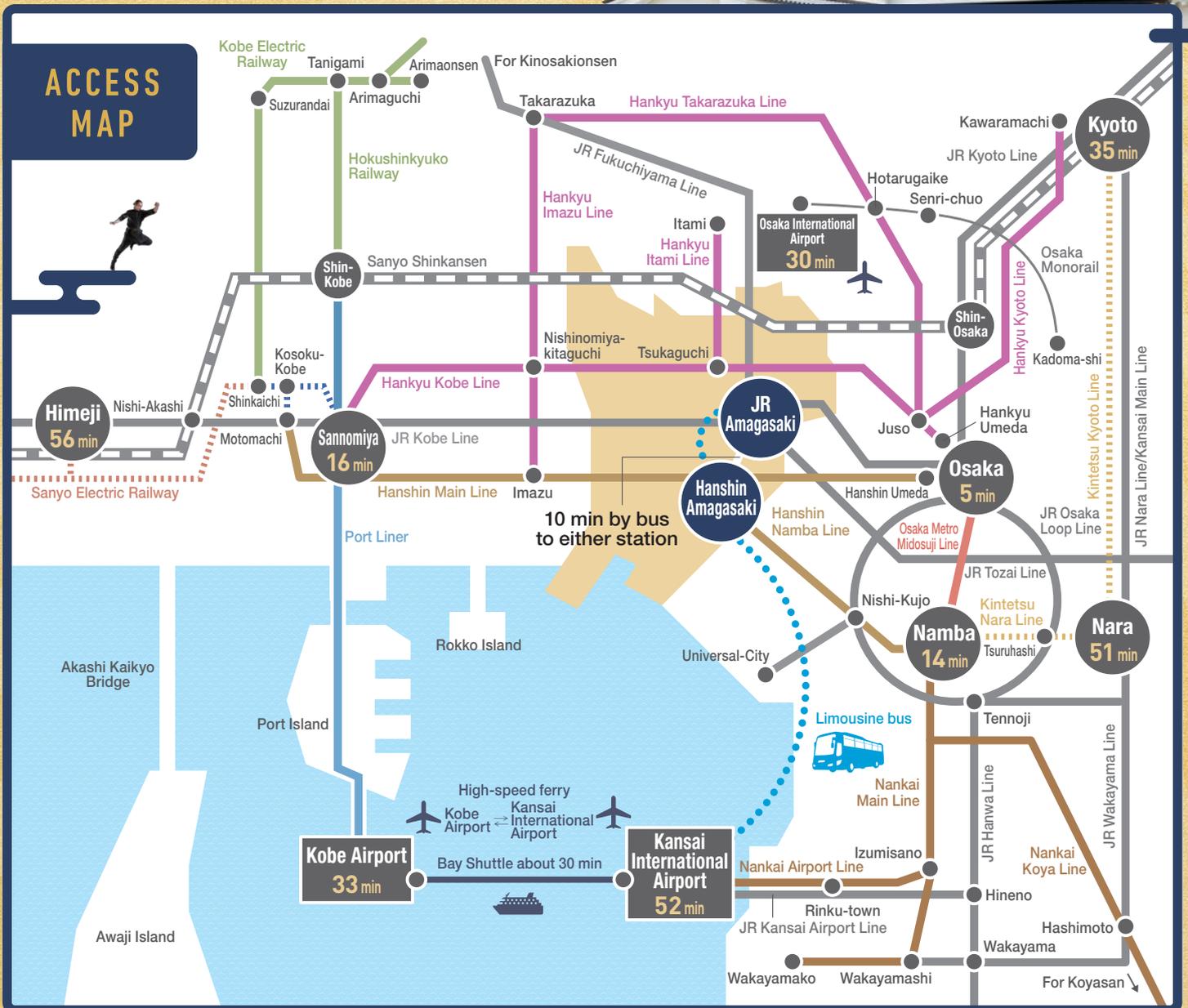


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and **14** minutes from Osaka Namba

The city of Amagasaki is convenient to Umeda, Namba and central Osaka, and it's easy to reach from the popular Universal City theme park and Kansai International Airport. It's also an ideal base for touring Kansai highlights such as Himeji, Kyoto and Nara and enjoying all that Amagasaki has to offer. We invite you to enjoy the convenience of Amagasaki.



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Many more
sightseeing
tips!

Check the Web for more information. ▼ Use the QR code at right.

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